



Sec. Roderick L. Bremby

Roderick L. Bremby serves as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. His background includes extensive work on community health issues and 17 years in municipal management.

In his role as Secretary of KDHE, Bremby oversees the regulation of health and environmental entities in Kansas including child care centers, food service businesses, hospitals, laboratories, feedlots, landfills, and various other industries with environmental impacts. He works with the governor and state legislature to develop policies and regulations designed to improve the health of Kansans and the environmental condition of the state. In this position, Secretary Bremby also oversees programs dedicated to providing disease surveillance and prevention efforts, bioterrorism planning guidance, local and rural health assistance, health care and environmental information, and statewide health promotional campaigns.

Prior to his January 2003 appointment by Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary Bremby served as a research assistant professor at the University of Kansas and as associate director of the Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development. His work involved providing technical assistance, evaluation support and community research for community health initiatives. Secretary Bremby has been a consultant for a variety of organizations including, community coalitions, advocacy organizations, local government agencies, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (Strengthening Democracy in Uganda).

Secretary Bremby served 10 years as the assistant city manager in Lawrence, Kan., where he was responsible for overseeing the budgeting process, police, fire and medical, public works, water, sewer, finance, information systems, and parks and recreation departments.

Secretary Bremby holds a master's degree in public administration from KU, where he completed an undergraduate degree in psychology and communication studies. He also completed postgraduate study at the Brookings Institution, The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and an executive development course at The Center for Creative Leadership. Secretary Bremby is a Kansas Health Foundation Fellow and a graduate of Leadership Forth Worth, Leadership Lawrence, and Leadership Kansas.

Secretary Bremby has received the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Buford Watson Public Service Award, has been listed among the Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who Among Black Americans, and Who's Who in America. As a past recipient of the University of Kansas' Rusty Leffel Concerned Student Award, the R. Scott Brooks Memorial Award, Secretary Bremby was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Societies. Having served on numerous local, state and national boards and commissions, Secretary Bremby continues his involvement with the Lawrence Partnership for Children and Youth, a group working to promote community collaboration on behalf of the well being of children and youth by promoting America's Promise.